

Who We Are?



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***Offering Spiritual
and Pastoral Care in
a Veteran
Healthcare Setting***

What We Do:

Kansas City VA Medical Center strives to care for the whole person - body, mind, and spirit. KCVA Chaplains are a part of your healthcare team.

Our role is to assist you to draw upon your own spiritual strength to make your healthcare whole attending to body, mind and spirit.

Some services offered by VA Chaplains:

Talk about spiritual concerns, face to face and/or by virtual technology

Assist with calling the spiritual care leader from one's community of faith

Provide support to family and friends

Provide spiritual support during decision-making

Provide prayer, blessings, pastoral care and counseling, and sacraments such as The Lord's Supper, anointing, etc..

Spiritual care for life-limiting illnesses

Provide spiritual resources: sacred text, meditation booklets, devotional literature, religious symbols, etc.

Lead weekly and special worship services and memorial services

On call and duty pager assignments for timely response to urgent patient needs

Facilitate spirituality and bereavement groups

Chapel Services

Saturdays

Roman Catholic:

Service of Reconciliation: 1:45 p.m.

Celebration of Mass : 2:00 p.m.

Sundays

Protestant

10 East 8:30 a.m.

Protestant Chapel 9:30 a.m.

The Chapel is located in M1-585. The Chapel is open 24 hours each day for prayer, reflection, meditation, or just a quiet place for regathering one's thoughts.

Why Spiritual Care?

The KCVA provides an interdisciplinary approach to healthcare because we know that each patient is a whole person, not just a medical case. Chaplain Service exists to support you and your family as you explore the spiritual side of your health issues.

VA Chaplains serve as core members of your healthcare team to help you process your healthcare experience and to bring a Sacred Presence to the situation.

Illness and injury may affect daily living and often raises questions with spiritual meaning such as: What happened? Why me? What next? Being admitted to the hospital may cause feelings of fear, loneliness, powerlessness, and worry for both the patient and family members.

Some occasions when you might find it helpful to meet with a Chaplain include:

Before surgery or a procedure

After receiving medical news

When decisions must be made regarding plan of care for life, such as hospice or palliative care

During a Veteran's final hours and after that inpatient has died

To provide bereavement care and support to a Veteran's next of kin